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The Honorable Karl E. Mundt  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator Mundt:

I have just returned to Washington after a couple weeks absence to find your letter of 19 December, which I appreciate more than I can say.

Your kind words regarding my past efforts are indeed generous, and in facing the problems which lie ahead I will particularly value the knowledge that I have your support and confidence.

In pushing forward toward our objectives in the coming year, my associates and I will count heavily on our continued close and cordial relationships with you and your colleagues on the Hill. I believe these relationships, which your own support and understanding have done so much to bring about, are essential if the Agency is to make its proper contribution.

With warmest good wishes for the coming year,

Sincerely,

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Richard Helms  
Director

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